

LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES April 28, 2005

Members:

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- ✓ Bob Robbins (Chair) – Hudson
- ✓ Kathryn Nelson (Vice Chair/ Public Relations) -- Nashua
- ✓ George May (Secretary) - Merrimack
- ✓ Glenn McKibben (Treasurer) – Litchfield
- ✓ Cynthia Ruonala – Nashua
- ✓ Jim Barnes – Hudson
- ✓ Karen Archambault -- Nashua
- Patrick Tate – Hudson
- Ray Peeples – Litchfield
- Rick Maddox – Hudson
- Sharon Akers – Merrimack
- Stan Kazlouskas – Hudson
- ✓ Will Jewett – Litchfield

Chairman Bob Robbins called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the Hunt Room of the Nashua Library. It was noted that a quorum was present. Some of the members went to the Chandler Library first since that's what the agenda said, but the minutes specified NPL.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed.

Correspondence: Kath read letters from DES noting that the Hampshire Chemical Site Specific was approved and that DES had picked up on our concern about the diffuser into the river. Another letter indicated that Pine Creek Village in Litchfield had the Site Specific approved. Kath will contact DES to get feedback on our input on this project.

Bylaws: Bob noted that our bylaws specify that a *draft* of our minutes should be sent to each town within *three* days but that we don't do this. There was dissatisfaction with the thinking of this article so Kath moved that Article 7f of the bylaws be changed to sending the final approved minutes to the towns within six days. Jim seconded. Discussion included to whom the minutes should be sent and what the towns should do with them. Motion passed. The bylaws specify that the motion be made at this meeting and a vote be taken at the next meeting and a majority rules. Bob can email copies of the bylaws on request to anyone who does not have them.

Bob also wants to remind members that Article 7g specifies that non-attending members are removed from the LAC. Members that cannot attend for some reason and would like to be excused must contact Bob ahead of time. Bob will contact members that have missed three meetings to see if they want to continue.

Updates: Cynthia noted that improvements to the Greeley Park access don't look like they will happen soon. Apparently F&G has had budget cuts and Nashua Parks & Rec was depending on F&G help. It was decided that the director of Parks & Rec be invited to the next meeting to discuss this access and plans for it. Cynthia will contact him.

Grant: Bob went over the grant that we received from DES to compile a landowners' survey. The total grant is for \$2000 with \$1500 in matching funds. He distributed and explained the postcard sent from the Robinson Pond association that's similar to the one that we will send to 2000 people to first off let them know that this grant exists and that the survey will follow.

Members should think about what we would like the survey to say. Bob passed around a couple of samples. This will be on next month's agenda and postcards will be sent shortly after.

New Business: Kath presented the new Workplan for the Management Plan. Bob went through all the steps that have to be completed and when. We need to compile a packet of already-available information for members. George indicated that he did not have the nomination study for the Lower Merrimack and questioned if one actually ever existed since the river was included in the original legislation for the RMPP. It was decided that everyone should get and become familiar with the original management plan. Also signups for field trips for the members will be available at the next meeting.

Water quality monitoring: George brought up the question of having the LAC take on the responsibility for monitoring instead of having the Souhegan Watershed Association continue doing it. It appears that SWA will continue this year and someone may be available to do it next year. Members will keep this in mind and try to think of a coordinator.

Will Jewett had put together a list of dates for meetings to be held in the various towns. It was decided that we would meet in the NPL Hunt Room, again on May 26 since we expected that the director of Nashua Parks & Rec would attend. Will's list will be implemented for future meetings.

Glenn had pictures of eight eagles perched in a dead pine behind Anheuser-Busch. Apparently this is a favorite spot.

Meeting adjourned promptly at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George May
Secretary